

**Minutes of the Cedar River Watershed District
Ruby Rupner Center – Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, September 16, 2009**

Managers Present: Al Kording Al Layman
Mike Jones Jim Gebhardt
Dan Regner Steve Kraushaar
Harlan Peck

Others Present: Bev Nordby, Mower SWCD
Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD
Matt Benda, Attorney
Steve Penkava, JHS
Dave Livingston, Advisory Committee and Dodge SWCD
Chris Hughes, BWSR

Members of Public Present: Mary Lou Stursa, Sara Sayles, Ken Penkava, Tom Oots and Dave Hillier

President Steve Kraushaar called the board meeting to order.

Agenda

Additions to agenda included a BWSR report from Chris Hughes and a Watershed boundary issue.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Secretary's Report Kraushaar made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jones.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Treasurer's Report

Jones reviewed the treasurer's report for September with the board. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Kording to approve the treasurer's report.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Jones reviewed the payables with the board. Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Gebhardt to approve the payables for July.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Gebhardt and Kraushaar

Opposed: None

Rules Process

Kraushaar and Benda presented a list of potential candidates for the rules advisory and technical committees. An application process was completed for the advisory committee and the technical committee was selected. Layman made a motion and was seconded by Regner to approve the following:

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Rules Advisory Committee

1. *Members of the CRWD Board*
 - Steve Kraushaar, Jim Gebhardt and Harlen Peck
2. *Elected Township*
 - Ken Penkava, Lansing Township
3. *Rural Residents*
 - Sara Sayles
4. *Austin City Council*
 - Marion Clennon
5. *Wildlife/Environmental*
 - Jack Heather, Retired DNR and Steele County Resident
6. *Business/Economic Development*
 - Mike Ankeny
7. *Elected County Commissioner*
 - Dave Hillier, Mower County and Dave Erickson, Dodge
8. *Urban Residents*
 - Tom Purcell and Geoff Baker, Residents of Austin

Technical Committee

1. Mike Muzzy, NRCS
2. Jon Erichson, City of Austin
3. Dan Arndt, Steele SWCD
4. Rick Morrison Mower SWCD
5. Cory Hanson, DNR
6. Chris Hughes, BWSR
7. Mike Hanson, Mower County
8. George Poch, Retired Soil Scientist
9. Steve Penkava, Jones, Haugh and Smith

Dobbins Creek Tree Clean Up

With the July tornado there are many trees down between the Nature Center and Interstate 90 along Dobbins Creek. The City of Austin is asking the CRWD to partner to clean up the trees along the river. The board directed Bev to contact the City asking them to get bids and bring a proposal to the board.

Nature Center Donation

The Nature Center is having their Thanksgiving Feast fund raiser. Nordby suggested that the CRWD purchase a rain barrel for their silent auction. Regner made a motion and was seconded by Laymen to approve donating a rain barrel for the fund raiser.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Discussion and Updates

Potential Projects

Steve Penkava presented a feasibility study for a flood retention area in the Dobbins Creek Watershed. The board will move forward with this looking for outside funding and working with landowners.

10 Year Plan

BWSR board will be approving the plan on the 23rd of September.

Nicholville Status

Penkava updated the board on the status of the Nicholville community sewer system. They will put off construction until 2010 and have entered into imminent domain for the purchase of the land.

BWSR

Chris Hughes, Board Conservationist gave the board an update on the activities of BWSR.

Watershed Boundary

A landowner in the watershed is questioning the boundary and would like to withdrawal his 40 acre piece. Benda and Penkava informed the board that the process according to State Statue is he would have to get 50 signatures and send the petition to the BWSR board.

Manager Reports

No President's Report

Other Manager's Report

Al Layman asked a few questions on the Staff report.

MAWD Leadership Course

Al Layman and Justin Hanson gave a report.

Kraushaar made a motion and was seconded by Kording to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Regner, Kording, Layman, Jones, Kraushaar, Peck and Gebhardt

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Submitted by,

Al Layman, Secretary, brn